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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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A SUBSTRATE  
  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**

**37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before  
examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute  
Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims)  
accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that  
the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered  
to replace the Specification of record.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

On page 27, delete line 1, and insert:

What Is Claimed Is:

Please cancel, without prejudice, original claims 1-  
35 of the underlying PCT application. Please also cancel,  
without prejudice, substitute claims 1, 10, and 20.

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Please add the following new claims: